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REMARKS

Remarks

Claims 1 - 18 were presented in this application. Claims 1 - 11 have been held allowed! Reasons for allowance include that none of the prior art of record, alone or in combination, discloses a medical clip dispenser apparatus with, inter alia, an elongated support beam, a movable hollow cinch with a pair of jaws, an elongated pusher having a generally cross-shaped member on a distal end thereof, where the cross-shaped member slideably engages a shoulder track on the jaws where the member slides between the jaws as they spread apart.

In addition, none of the art of record, alone or in combination, discloses a method of dispensing a medical clip that includes, inter alia, moving a cinch housing with respect to a brace in order to open jaws between the brace housing and the cinch housing and a pusher member, where a pin is arranged on an intermediate portion of each of the jaws and the cinch has a pair of cam tracks for engagement with the pins and where the brace has an elongated biasing spring that has a bifurcated proximal end aligned with the pusher member.

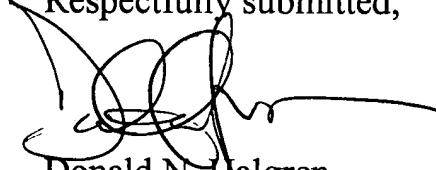
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Claims 12-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Passage to allowance of the allowed claims 1-11 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned for a discussion of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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